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Each year the Department of Mental Health seeks the renewal and supersession of key Legal Entity agreements with community mental health service providers to provide services to severely and persistently mentally ill adults, seriously emotionally disturbed children, adolescents and their families throughout the County of Los Angeles, and at the end of each year the Department usually requests this Board of Supervisors to allow one-time flexibility to enable these providers to shift funds within their contracts not to exceed the Maximum Contract Amount to enable these providers to draw down federal and state funds to cover services provided in other programmatic areas. This practice however, seems to result in an uneven provision of services across the county and appears to have a significant impact on the Department of Mental Health's Annual Budget. Before approving another set of Legal Entity Agreements, more information is needed.

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Yaroslavsky	_____
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**Wherefore, I, Move** that the currently legal entity agreements before the Board be continued for one week pending additional information from the Department.

**I, Further, Move** that the Department report back to the Board next week in writing with an analysis of the pros and cons of 1) why it is partitioning programmatic services in this manner, 2) the impact of such partitioning on program and service availability in communities, 3) the impact on providers and 4) the impact on the DMH budget, particularly, any savings identified from not providing such flexibility in 2005-06.

**I , Further, Move** that the Department of Mental Health work with the providers in the following week and return to the Board next week with a process and plan for resolving this issue within the next 30 days so that such resolution, if approved by the Board, may be included in the new 2006-07 contract going forward.